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Dear Attorney Hesse,

I am certain that you are receiving many letters of comment regarding the Microsoft settlement with the Justice Department. Your time is greatly appreciated.

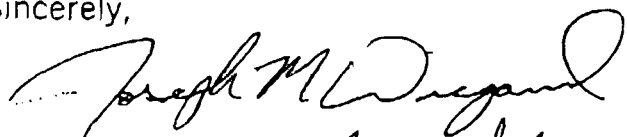
It was 1998 when the government first brought its anti-trust suit against Microsoft. In the years since then we have witnessed truly astounding developments in our industry. Laptops are thinner and more reliable, email is a communications device many Americans depend on, and many of us are speeding across the Internet at speeds not thought possible four years ago.

These innovations are truly amazing and beneficial to our daily lives. These new products and ideas came about because of the competitive free market system we live in, not because the government was directing it behind the scenes.

The circumstances of our current economy and the government's anti-trust case have truly stifled new growth in this industry. As our country's economy is struggling to find its way toward positive growth again, settling the anti-trust suit can only be viewed as a benefit.

Please work to make sure this settlement is agreed to.

Sincerely,


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